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NORTH TAYLOR FIRE

TUCSON, AZ (May 20, 2006) ----- At 3:50 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2006, a wildfire was reported near West Peak in the Pinaleno Mountains near Safford, Arizona. To date, the fire has burned approximately 50 acres of Ponderosa pine and grass in thick understory.

Current resources consist of the Fulton, Geronimo and Craig Hot Shots crews, the Northwest Fire hand crew and a hand crew from Arizona State Department of Corrections. Air resources are made up of two heavy air tankers, one lead plane, one Type 1 helicopter, one Type 3 helicopter and one Type 2 helicopter on order.

Cause of the fire is under investigation.

For more information, please call the toll free Fire Restriction Hot Line 1--877-864-6985, or check this website: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc> or the Coronado National Forest website shown above.

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